

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-8 and 13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has now been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion. Claims 4 and 7 have now been cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2 and 13 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Scheidt in view of Theobald and Dueckinghaus et al. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 4, and 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 3 which have now been cancelled. Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 1.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

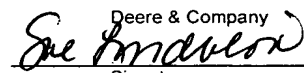
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